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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

**a. Introductory comments.**

This is a plenary amendment responsive to the outstanding Office Action and the rejections therein with a proposed amendment as discussed in a telephone interview with the Examiner on May 13, 2004 and including a notice of appeal and the appropriate fee. Further submitted herewith is a petition to extend the time for response for three months to May 20, 2004. The Office Action finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-16 is dated November 20, 2003 and required a response within 6 months or by May 20, 2004 to avoid abandonment, to wit:

Applicant has herewith filed a THREE-MONTH petition for extension of time to respond to the Office Action and has paid the current small entity extension fee of \$465 (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3)).

Applicant herewith submits an amendment substantially as discussed wherein all of the pending claims have been amended to recite the "unique identification means" limitation.